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SUBJECT: U.S. SUBMITTED PRODUCT LIST, PROPOSED BASIS OF GSP

DISCUSSIONS

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 2616, (B) TEL AVIV 1586

1. IN REPLY TO REFTEL A (AND QUESTION D, PARA 2 OF REFTEL B)

U.S. HAS COMPLETED COMPILATION OF PRODUCT LIST WHICH WE WISH

TO HAVE SERVE AS BASIS OF U.S.-ISRAELI DISCUSSIONS ON GSP

BENEFICIARY STATUS AND REQUIREMENTS OF SEC 502(B)(3) OF THE

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TRADE ACT. THE LIST AND AN EXPLANATORY NOTE HAVE BEEN

POUCHED. BOTH SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY EMBASSY TO THE GOI.

2. EMBASSY, IN SUBMITTING LIST TO APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS, SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) THE LIST IS COMPOSED OF PRODUCTS WHERE U.S. ANALYSIS INDICATES ACTUAL OR LIKELY ADVERSE EFFECT OF ISRAELI PREFERENCES FOR EC AND WHERE TARIFF REDUCTIONS APPEAR NECESSARY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 502(B)(3). (B) IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, ISRAEL WILL BE ASKED TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFIC MEASURES NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1976 ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS COVERED BY THE CURRENT EC-ISRAELI AGREEMENT (PRODUCTS FROM PART I OF THE LIST) FOR WHICH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT IS PRESENTLY BEING ACCORDED (AND WOULD BE CONTINUED UNDER THE NEW AGREEMENT). (C) THE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD ALSO RESULT IN AGREEMENT ON ISRAELI ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO ASSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. COMMERCE FROM THE

EXPANDED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE NEWLY-INITIALED AGREEMENT, WHEN IT COMES INTO FORCE. IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE SEEKING A COMMITMENT CONCERNING SPECIFIC MEASURES ON PRODUCTS FROM PART I AND PART II OF THE PRODUCT LIST. ASSURANCES BY GOI MIGHT TAKE THE FORM OF A NOTE CONTAINING COMMITMENT BY THE GOI TO MAKE TARIFF ADJUSTMENTS ON SPECIFIC PRODUCTS FROM THE ATTACHED LIST IN STEP WITH PREFERENTIAL TARIFF REDUCTIONS PROVIDED FOR IN THE NEW AGREEMENT.

3. PRODUCT LIST IS REFINEMENT OF PRELIMINARY LIST SUBMITTED AT JOINT COMMISSION TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING LAST OCTOBER. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. OCTOBER LIST CONSISTED OF 51 ITEMS COVERING APPROXIMATELY 17 PER-CENT OF ISRAELI IMPORTS FROM THE U.S., WHEREAS PART I OF AMENDED LIST (SEE EXPLANATORY NOTE) CONSISTS OF 56 ITEMS COVERING APPROXIMATELY 14.9 PERCENT OF ISRAELI IMPORTS FROM U.S. PART II OF AMENDED LIST CONSISTS OF 29 ITEMS COVERING APPROXIMATELY 7.6 PERCENT OF ISRAELI IMPORTS FROM U.S. KISSINGER

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